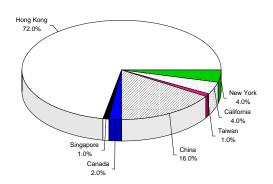
The Ginseng Regulatory Program's goal is to protect ginseng, *Panax quinquefolius*, from becoming a threatened species. The program accomplishes this by: registering growers and dealers, certifying cultivated dry root and seed as originating in Wisconsin, inspecting and surveying gardens during the growing season, monitoring pests and diseases, and inspecting records of growers and dealers for accuracy.

In 1999, the Division of Agricultural Resource Management surveyed 255 acres to verify location, size, and productivity of ginseng gardens and analyzed 228 samples in the lab. Wisconsin's 1,274 growers reported selling for export 928,909 pounds of dry roots. The 77 dealers, 45 of which are Wisconsin dealers, exported 1.18 million pounds of dry roots. Exports from Wisconsin primarily go to Hong Kong. Sales seasons may continue over a two-year period. Sales volumes in spring vary considerably between years.

WISCONSIN CULTIVATED GINSENG DRY ROOT Export Destinations, 1999

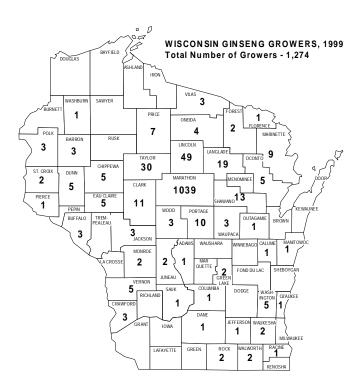
Source: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection, Division of Agricultural Resource Management



GINSENG: Growers, Dealers, Dry Root Sales, and Exports, Wisconsin, 1982-99

	WI	Dealers		WI	WI	Dealers
Year	growers	U.S.	WI	acres	growers	WI
	1/	1/	1/	2/	sales 3/	exports 3/
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	Number			Dry root lbs.		
1982	_	23	_	_	418,102	293,004
1983	666	35	_	_	517,456	484,880
1984	714	54	_	_	831,444	707,473
1985	1,134	66	_	_	1,141,034	1,062,197
1986	1,318	66	_	_	1,511,102	1,245,369
1987	1,513	92	_	_	1,306,185	1,259,401
1988	1,586	106	_	_	1,549,049	1,592,311
1989	1,676	109	_	_	1,467,278	1,722,355
1990	1,300	69	_	_	1,149,239	1,288,107
1991	1,360	74	_	_	1,173,607	1,194,962
1992	1,167	67	32	_	1,677,038	1,553,239
1993	1,230	65	42	_	1,966,474	2,035,068
1994	1,264	99	57	_	2,082,504	1,611,822
1995	1,468	100	52	4,264	1,943,605	1,811,224
1996	1,338	83	51	4,494	2,229,901	2,229,332
1997	1,207	92	48	4,710	1,921,811	2,045,443
1998	1,230	96	50	4,967	1,633,779	1,897,126
1999	1,274	77	45	4,093	928,909	1,175,097

1/Includes growers/dealers. 2/Total acreage of seedling, two, three, and four-year-old gardens. 3/Sales and exports of a specific harvest year may continue over a two-year period. The 1999 data is still incomplete. Source: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Division of Agricultural Resource Management.



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